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Written statement* submitted by Cercle de recherche sur les droits et les devoirs de la personne humaine, a non-governmental organization in special consultative status

The Secretary-General has received the following written statement, which is circulated in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31.

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Coercitive measures for the elimination of the State terrorism under the presidency of Paul Biya

Your excellency Mr. Ambassador,

The Research Center on the Rights and Duties of the Human Person presents its compliments to the presidency of the Human Rights Council and has the honor to request the Human Rights Council to take up the matter of the extreme suffering situation endured by the people of Cameroon as a consequence of policies and acts of State terrorism implemented by the President of Cameroon Mr. Paul Biya who has been in power for forty-two years.

The acts which are described by the literature on the dictatorship of Mr. Paul Biya are secret armies, political assassinations, persecutions of clerics, mystical and bureaucratic dictatorship, arbitrary detentions, extrajudicial executions as well as enforced disappearances of the civil society and political elites, prohibitions of peaceful manifesting, corruption and traffic of influence of the judiciary, depredations of public money, accounts and assets non declared pursuant to the article 66 of the Cameroon's Constitution, massive indebtedness of Cameroon and systematic electoral fraud.

At present, two regions of the Cameroonian territory have rebelled against the tyrannical power of Mr. Paul Biya and the current situation of growing insecurity has led to the genocidal crisis that has been ruling in the north-west and in the south-west of the country since October 2016. About twenty thousand refugees re-releasing of these two regions are outstanding in nearby Nigeria and of thousands of others took the exile in foreign countries in particular in diverse European countries. The confrontations continue between Mr Paul Biya's Cameroonian armed forces and rebel populations which demand their total independence since October 1st, 2017, under the name of a new Federal State called "Ambazonie".

The CRED sent the letters of 22 October 2016 and of 10 December 2016 to Mr. Paul Biya through the Permanent Mission of Cameroon in Geneva firstly, in order to bring to his attention the incompetence of his presidency and secondly, to summon the current Government to administer Cameroon in good conditions, to secure the development of the country and the security of its people and to call for the resignation of the current President.

At the same time, a letter dated 12 December 2016 was also sent to Embassies, Consulates, international and regional Organizations, as well as financial and development institutions present in Cameroon, requesting them to stop all support to massive indebtedness policies implemented by Mr. Paul Biya and advising him to resign peacefully in order to allow a peaceful transition in Cameroon.

The situation has not changed since then. Therefore a third warning letter was served to Mr. Paul Biya on 15 August 2017 asking him to resign and to leave Cameroon in peace. The deadline is of 110 days.

The Cameroonian people have suffered from the tyranny and from the dictatorship under the reign of the Cameroonian President Mr. Paul Biya.

Accordingly, the CRED requests the International Community, and the Human Rights Council in particular, to take coercive measures in order to stop acts of State terrorism and the means and methods used by Mr. Paul Biya and the present authorities of Cameroon in order to bring about tyranny among the population.

Finally, the CRED requests the cooperation of the International Community in order to help to continue the consultations that have been started under the National Antidiscrimination Program of Cameroon - that the CRED coordinates - aimed for elaborating a peaceful transition program. The latter foresees the setting up of a federative and unifying political system in Cameroon as well as of a transition Government; Please find more information at http://pnad.ch/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&layout=edit&id=200 (in French).

Thank you for your assistance.

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